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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Comments by [REDACTED]
Preparation**

**STATINTL
regarding Academic**

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During her exit interview on 31 October, I asked [REDACTED] how well she felt her academic training fitted her for duties undertaken in CIA - was there anything we should emphasize in contacts with department chairmen and other authorities when visiting academia?

STATINTL [REDACTED] responded as follows:

a. The most important training to emphasize is the communication of ideas. She was lucky, because she'd had an English minor - even then she had troubles.

b. Other important subject preparation for geographers:

Basic economics
Physical geography
Sociology - social anthropology
Cultural geography
Statistics

c. Regional focus is highly desirable, she feels. The work of a new employee inevitably takes longer, requires more checking, and risks being invalid without it.

STATINTL [REDACTED]

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